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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No.

2013-756

13 **SUSAN E. ALARID, AKA SUSAN**
14 **ALARID, AKA SUSAN EILEEN ALARID**
15 **131 Kingsley Avenue**
16 **Pueblo, CO 81005**

A C C U S A T I O N

17 **Registered Nurse License No. 286732**

Respondent.

18 Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

19 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
20 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
21 Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about January 31, 1978, the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") issued
23 Registered Nurse License Number 286732 to Susan E. Alarid, aka Susan Alarid, aka Susan Eileen
24 Alarid ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse License expired on May 31, 2007, and has not
25 been renewed.

JURISDICTION

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27 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following
28 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

1 4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline
2 any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason
3 provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

4 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license
5 shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the
6 licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Section 2811, subdivision (b)
7 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may renew an expired license at any time
8 within eight years after the expiration.

9 6. Section 118, subdivision (b) grants the Board jurisdiction over suspended, expired,
10 forfeited, cancelled, or surrendered licenses:

11 “The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a
12 board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the
13 board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the
14 board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or
15 reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary
16 proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order
17 suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the
18 licensee on any such ground.”

19 7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1419.3 states:

20 “In the event a licensee does not renew his/her license as provided in
21 Section 2811 of the code, the license expires. A licensee renewing pursuant to this
22 section shall furnish a full set of fingerprints as required by and set out in section
23 1419(b) as a condition of renewal.

24 (a) A licensee may renew a license that has not been expired for more
25 than eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees as specified in Section 1417
26 and providing evidence of 30 hours of continuing education taken within the prior
27 two-year period.

28 (b) A licensee may renew a license that has been expired for more than
eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees specified in Section 1417 and
providing evidence that he or she holds a current valid active and clear registered
nurse license in another state, a United States territory, or Canada, or by passing the
Board's current examination for licensure.”

STATUTES

8. Section 2761 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

“The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an
application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

1 "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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3 "(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action
4 against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United
5 States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional
6 licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that
7 action."

8 **COST RECOVERY**

9 9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
10 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
11 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
12 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being
13 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
14 included in a stipulated settlement.

15 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Discipline by the Colorado Board of Nursing)

17 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision
18 (a)(4) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct because her registered nurse license was
19 disciplined by the Colorado State Board of Nursing ("Colorado Board"). The circumstances are
20 as follows:

21 11. On or about September 26, 2007, in a case entitled *In the Matter of Disciplinary*
22 *Proceedings Regarding the License to Practice Professional Nursing in the State of Colorado of*
23 *Susan Eileen Alarid, RN, License No. 49118*, complaint no. 2005-002522, the Colorado Board
24 issued a Stipulation and Final Agency Order ("Order") which placed Respondent's registered
25 nursing license on two years probation, with terms and conditions. The Order was based on the
26 following facts, to which Respondent admitted:

27 (a) Respondent was hired by St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado to
28 work in the Oncology/Medical Unit on or about November 8, 2004. Respondent required

1 extensive orientation and close supervision to perform simple tasks, such as obtaining oxycodone
2 rather than hydrocodone from the pyxis machine and frequent counseling sessions.

3 (b) On or about December 27, 2004, Respondent appropriately sought assistance to
4 increase the dosage of morphine via a patient controlled analgesis, but failed to read a physician
5 order correctly and increased the patient's morphine above the ordered dose.

6 (c) On or about December 27, 2004, Respondent failed to recognize a medication
7 transcription error and administered the incorrect dose.

8 (d) On or about December 29, 2004, Respondent failed to monitor a patient's blood
9 pressure and pulse. The patient lost balance and nearly fell, pulling out the IV.

10 (f) On or about December 29, 2004, Respondent administered medication orally to
11 a patient, rather than by the ordered route of the patient's percutaneous endoscopic gastronomy
12 tube.

13 (g) On or about December 29, 2004, Respondent failed to follow up on a stat chest
14 x-ray until six hours later. The chest x-ray was given at 1700 hours. Respondent called the
15 radiologist at 2300 hours when she did not receive the x-ray results. Respondent then verbally
16 reported to the physician what the radiologist said.

17 **PRAYER**

18 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
19 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

20 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 286732, issued to Susan
21 E. Alarid, aka Susan Alarid, aka Susan Eileen Alarid;

22 2. Ordering Susan E. Alarid, aka Suan Alarid, aka Susan Eileen Alarid, to pay the Board
23 of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case,
24 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: March 14, 2013

Louise Bern
for LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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